

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Anita McDonald was the winner of the Cash Bash. Rob Ash came in second place and Mayor Pavey and Christy came in 3rd place.
2. Pavey thanked Chief Tucker for coordinating the Mayor's 5K and also thanked everyone for their support.
3. Thanks to Subway for hosting a fund raiser for the Police Department.
4. Met with the interior designer for City Center yesterday.
5. Today we had a City Center planning meeting.
6. Tomorrow we will meet with a sculptor.
7. Tomorrow we will go before the APC/BZA to get the roof color approved.
8. There will also be a leadership program tomorrow.
9. We will take part in the Emerson picnic. They will be celebrating 365 days with a safe work record.
10. Will be attending the ICSC Recon Conference on May 20-23 for retail.
11. There will be a drainage board meeting on the 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. There will be second drainage board meetings June 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.
12. The ambulance proposal is due on the 25th.
13. The Memorial Day program will be on the 28th at 11:00.
14. We had a discussion with a consultant regarding the landfill and the best practices and how to improve our efficiencies to transition to a staging area or construction site prep. While at the site we decided to start a small controlled fire to get rid of some limbs. During this time the wind began to increase and an ember started a bigger fire that has smoldered for several days. It is now under control. Bowles will do a 50 to 70

foot wide swath down the hill for feasibility. We will no longer be dumping in the ravine.

15. Introduced the new animal warden, Tabitha Cottrell.
16. The Utility Board voted to buy a GIS instrument. Councilman Cameron said the Street Department is also in need of GIS equipment. Therefore, we are trying to coordinate with the Utility so we don't buy the same equipment.
17. Have had conversation with the owners of the Warehouse Resale Boutique. The contractor thought they would need 30 days to have the street closed. We think we will be able to move the closure to 14 days.
18. Received a contract from Duke for the area from the bridge to 1st Street.
19. Received a request from Councilman Smith for an executive session to update Council on some matters he is working on.
20. There will be bucket drive this weekend for mental health.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that some residents have filed insurance claims with the City's insurance carrier regarding the recent flooding. The insurance company has responded to the residents that it would not be covered under our insurance due to it not being something that was caused by the City.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Councilman Smith said he would like to have an executive session after our regular meeting on June 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing new to report.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The first concert will be 4 weeks from last Saturday.
- **Marketing** – Pavey will attend the Recon Conference.
- **APC/BZA** – Roof color approval at tomorrow night's meeting.
- **City Center** – Council needs to set a date to tour the facility.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The eminent domain letter went out in the mail today.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing
- **Housing** – Moving forward.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said they are working on the renovations of the firing range.

We have been moving fleet vehicles around. We are trying to decide what we are going to do with the existing SRO car. We should have that decision in 2 weeks.

Fire – Chief Jenkins reported that the 4 BEP properties are being abated for asbestos removal. They will then be put out for bid with tear down anticipated in August.

The Board of Works approved the continued remodel of the back room.

Ten applicants took part in the agility testing last Saturday. This coming Saturday we will administer the written testing. We plan to hire 2 firemen June 5.

Jenkins told Council if they see high grass that is not being taken care of by the property owner to let him know.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have received 9 sidewalk applications. He also thanked the Fire Department, the Utilities, and Chad Bowles for help with the fire.

Park – Mayor Pavey reported that the pool has been filled and the pumps are running. Concessions have been ordered. Burklow is waiting on the WIFI to be completed.

Mowing is in full swing. They are working to complete activities for summer camp. The basketball courts will be resealed next week.

Animal – Warden Cottrell said she has a list of items they need to address. She believes they are moving in a positive direction. She has met 2 of the vets through the Humane Society.

Councilman Smith said the new facility is really needed. Pavey said he has sent an email regarding conversations to start moving dirt this year.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Annexation** – The paperwork for Massa has been signed. Reddish's are finishing up estate work. We need to track down Philpot.
2. **Drainage/Flooding Board Meeting June 4, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.** - 2nd meeting will be June 4th. Cameron will review the history of the drainage reported.
3. **Stellar Overlook New Concept** – We have ordered the BAN redefinition. Newhouse is working on the final piece.
4. **Lease of 60 Acres** – Newhouse said we need to send out public notice to accept bids at a special Board of Works meeting. Newhouse suggested auction style bidding with a minimum amount for a 1 year lease.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **INTAT CF1's** – David Reed asked for questions from Council. There were none. Smith moved to approve Intat's CF1s. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Rushville Main Street Improvements – OCRA Release of Funds and Project Award**
–Bridges made a motion to approve the release of funds and award the project. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS – Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Pavey said approval of the roof color will go before the APC/BZA and then come back before Council for their approval. In order to alleviate delays in the project he asked if Council would be willing to approve the color of charcoal contingent upon APC/BZA approval. Conner made a motion to approve the charcoal color for the police roof. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges said the school buses traffic back up on 3 south due to construction was extreme. He asked if they had given us a schedule. Miller said they were to start on the south. Bridges said the buses may need to change their timing. Pavey will contact the State for an update.

Cameron said he is checking into a possible lift station for drainage purposes at 7th and Arthur.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.